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Office of Administrative Hearings

Agency Profile 1

<https://www.mn.gov/oah>

AT A GLANCE

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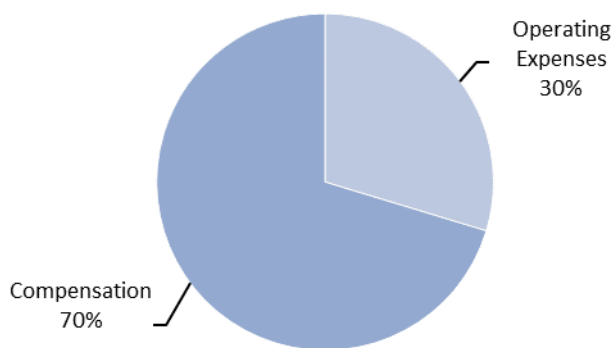
- Annually receives almost 10,000 workers compensation disputes involving 7,500 workers and their employers, insurers, and medical providers.
- Has served over 250 state agencies and local units of government involving over 200 unique areas of administrative law since the court’s creation in 1975.
- Is the largest of three Executive Branch courts with over 60 full-time equivalents located in St. Paul and Duluth that serve the entire State of Minnesota.

PURPOSE

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) renders justice through fair, timely, and impartial administrative hearings and high-quality dispute resolution services.

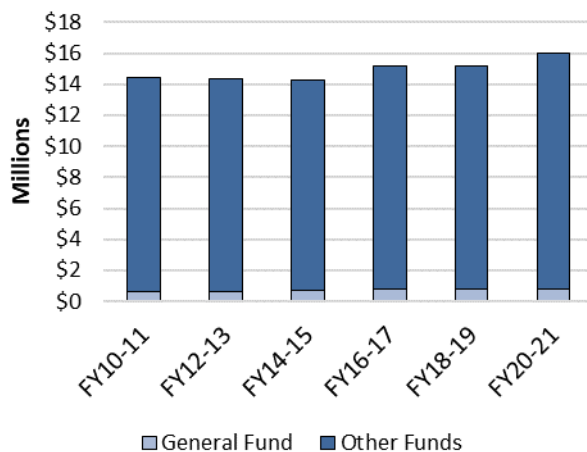
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2021 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The agency’s funding comes from three sources:

1. Workers’ Compensation Fund (68% of total funding)
2. Administrative Law Enterprise Fund (29% of total funding)
3. General Fund (3% of total funding)

General fund appropriations of \$409,000 per fiscal year represent no more than 3% of total agency funding and support a limited scope of work: municipal boundary adjustments; fair campaign practice complaints; and certain data practices matters.

STRATEGIES

OAH is an energetic, responsive, and respected service provider to Minnesotans, state and local governments, and the workers’ compensation system.

OAH respects the tenets of procedural fairness in our hearing rooms and workplace:

- **Voice.** We ensure the opportunity for each person to express their own viewpoint.
- **Respect.** We treat everyone with courtesy and dignity.
- **Neutrality.** We apply the laws and rules consistently and fairly.
- **Trust.** We make unbiased and transparent decisions.
- **Understanding.** We communicate in plain language.
- **Helpfulness.** We provide quality services.

We practice these values by:

- Applying the law impartially, competently, and diligently.
- Assisting others in understanding court procedures and processes.
- Fostering understanding of Minnesota’s administrative law and workers’ compensation laws.
- Fully considering information from everyone involved.
- Listening with a genuine interest in the needs, problems, and concerns of others.
- Promoting equity through the practice of intercultural competency and the elimination of bias.
- Striving to reflect the diversity of Minnesota within our workforce.
- Using a cooperative team approach to solve problems.

RESULTS

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Workers’ Compensation: Total new cases	9,159	8,917	FY21, FY22
Quality	Workers’ Compensation: Average days from report of settlement to filing of stipulation	60	44	FY21, FY22
Quantity	Administrative Procedures Act: Total new cases	501	704	FY21, FY22
Quality	Administrative Procedures Act: Combined complexity value of new cases	1,206	1,666	FY21, FY22
Result	Court wide: Number of email subscription subscribers, validating quality and helpfulness of information communicated	923	6641	FY20, FY22

The primary legal authority for the Office of Administrative Hearings:

- M.S. 14 Administrative Procedure (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=14>)
- M.S. 115 Water Pollution Control; Sanitary Districts (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=115>)
- M.S. 176 Workers’ Compensation (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=176>)
- M.S. 211B Unfair Campaign Practice Complaints (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/211B>)
- M.S. 414 Municipal Boundary Adjustments (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=414>)